

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4027
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2000
PAK'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITY
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned Pakistan can N-tip missiles better; Expert appearing in the Times of India dated January 18, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(a) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), (b) Yes Sir, Government have seen reports to this effect quoting a US based analyst in whose assessment Pakistan has a better capacity to put nuclear warheads on missiles.

(c) Government closely monitors all developments related to research, development and acquisition of armaments, including weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. Government remains fully committed to taking all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India's security and national interest in accordance with its threat perception.